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Dear Sir,

Today's Washington Post review of the John Costello book on the Rudolf Hess flight, assisted by the KGB, prompts this letter and my hope that there may be more such cooperation in bringing more of what is historically important to light.

I am the author of the first book on the Warren Commission, "Whitewash: the Report on the Warren Report," of five additional books on the JFK assassination and its official investigations and of one book on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Unlike all the other books on these tragedies, mine do not theorize "solutions" but are entirely factual. Based on official records they leave it beyond question that these assassinations were the end product of conspiracies. But they do not mislead and misinform readers by presenting conjectures as fact about who was responsible for these crimes.

These crimes were never really investigated officially and were never intended to be investigated officially. I have an abundance of official documentation and there is no conjecture at all in this.

Under the Freedom of Information Act I filed about a dozen lawsuits against various government agencies. As a result I have about a third of a million pages of records that had been withheld officially. Congress amended this Act in 1974, making an explicit legislative history of the fact that the investigatory files exemption was amended over one of my earliest such suits. This is what opened FBI, CIA and other agency files to us.

Because I believe that this Act makes me surrogate for the people, to the degree my age, 78, and my impaired health makes possible, I permit access to these records to others who have a serious interest in them.

When I die all these records will be a permanent public archive at local Hood College.

Because the crimes were never really investigated officially there are no viable leads to be followed by others in an effort to determine who was behind these crimes.

This also results in lingering mysteries. Of these that is of special interest to me is what is not known about Lee Harvey Oswald, the officially-designated lone JFK assassin. I have learned more and other about him that is officially represented from the official records I have obtained some of which were alleged not to exist. In his private writings he was both anti-USSR and anti-American Communist Party. And although it is not reflected on his Marines service record he without question had high security clearances.

This leads to the information I hope your government can make available to me.

Yuri Nosenko defected to the CIA in Switzerland in February, 1964. I have a considerable volume of records, far, far from all, that reflect a series of spurious "reasons" for not permitting him to defect. You are, of course, welcome to all such information I

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have on this, including copies of them. After he was able to defect he was interviewed by the FBI several times. The copies of these FBI reports I have quote Nosenko, among other things, as saying that the KGB records he examined at the time of the JFK assassination indicate that the KGB suspected that he was an American "agent in place" or "sleeping Agent" and that he was overtly anti-Soviet when he lived at Minsk. Nosenko also told the FBI that Oswald was there under some surveillance.

My interest is in having access to these records if only to leave a more complete record for history.

Your government may have wondered at the time why our government did not request all of its records relating to Oswald. I have some records that to me provide the answer and suggest the reasons: they were not wanted.

Coinciding in time with the CIA's receipt of copies of the FBI's reports on these Nosenko interviews including what I state above about the KGB's suspicions and Oswald's political expressions, Nosenko's treatment was radically changed from princely to sub-human, as you probably know, for about three years.

The current Tom Mangold book, "Cold Warrior," on the late James Angleton, says the opposite and is knowingly incorrect in this. Why he is incorrect on this I believe is apparent on reading the book.

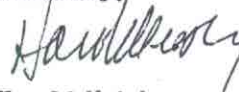
If you would like me to expand on any of this or to document it, to the degree of my physical capabilities I will do so.

I do hope your government will look with favor on my request.

However, I read only English.

I thank you for any help you may provide.

Sincerely,



Harold Weisberg

Should you or any of your associates want to examine my records, we are not much more than a half-hour past Rockville.